

guests in the north balcony. We are glad to welcome you to the Legislature today, George and Ruby Crandall from Wilcox, Stephanie's grandparents, and Bob and Linda, her parents, from Overton, and also her brother Brent. If you will stand and be recognized, we would like to have you welcomed.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, again very briefly, as I indicated before, on any of these advocacy groups the recommendation from the committee is one that is all inclusive in terms of that type of state government services. Without exception, there is no rationale that we could provide, that I could think of either, that would give reason to do one and not another or either one or none. All or none is the only logical position that any individual I think could arrive at. The basis was you should preserve the services for citizens. The advocacy groups can be a nonpublic function just as well as one sponsored by tax support. It is not that it is not...the proposal is not aimed at groups selectively. It is a broad policy issue and I hope that you would look on it in that light and again I would suggest that whatever you do, do it the same on all because there is no rationale otherwise.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely, and then Senator Pappas.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I would rise in support of the Chambers amendment to restore funding for the Indian Commission as I did in support of the Mexican-American Commission, as I will for the Women's Commission. I think in all those cases we are identifying what those people in our society that live in the shadows of our society as Former Vice-President Hubert Humphrey used to talk about, those people that are forgotten, left behind. As we move forward and progress in this nation, there are those that are left behind, people that are not given the same opportunities that each of us have, those individuals such as the Indians, such as the Mexican-Americans, such as the blacks, such as the women in those days of yore were never really given the same level of ability and recognized through educational opportunities and what have you, and as a result, their tremendous talents were lost on our society. I think that we have to recognize now that they do have the abilities, they have the talents, they have the potential to